

Vision, Purpose and Values: Child and Family Focus SA

Child and Family Focus SA (CAFFSA) is the South Australian peak body representing the needs and interests of children, young people and families connected with or at risk of entering the child protection system, and the not-for-profit, non-government organisations who support them.

Our vision is of an **inclusive community where all children, young people and families are secure, safe and supported.**

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Child and Family Focus SA (CAFFSA) is also the principle industry association supporting those not-for-profit organisations who provide various forms of prevention and early intervention, family support, out of home care [including foster care and residential care], and other child protection and child safety services. We represent small, medium and large community service organisations across South Australia in metropolitan and country locations, and act in the interests of children, young people and their families.

CAFFSA fulfills a leadership role in the child, youth and family support sector, representing over 40 South Australian organisations and community groups working across the continuum of child, youth and family support services.

We set high sector standards to establish and preserve the support and trust of our members, the elected state and federal governments, key stakeholders and the community at large. We work with stakeholders to bring about positive systemic reform to deliver better outcomes in the lives of vulnerable children, young people and their families.

As a peak body, CAFFSA strives to support its members to achieve high levels of service and support provision to vulnerable children and families and is committed to high-quality service development and delivery that is responsive to consumer needs.

CAFFSA is committed to supporting the viability, sustainability and quality of the not-for-profit, non-government sector and champions the delivery of trauma-responsive, culturally safe services to vulnerable client groups.

As a peak body, CAFFSA values its operational freedom stemming from our not-for-profit status and independence from religious or political affiliation.

Our core organizational values are reflected in all of our work, and we strive to:

- **Influence** legislation, policy and practice that impacts on the safety and wellbeing of children and families who are connected with or at risk of entering the child protection system by being **active** and **bold** in our advocacy;

- **Respect** the rights and dignity of children and young people and advocate for **inclusiveness** in decision making that affects them;
- **Collaborate** by working in **partnership** with our clients, colleagues and stakeholders to give a voice to children and their families;
- Demonstrate **integrity** by being ethical, honest, participatory and accountable in all our dealings;
- Practice **equity** and demonstrate **leadership** by advocating for social justice, doing so with compassion and an emphasis on fairness; and
- Promote **evidence-based, culturally safe** ways of working with children, young people and their families